

**ASPIRA
Youth Congress**

**of
New Jersey**

**PRESENTS
3rd Annual Youth Conference
on**

"LEADERSHIP & EDUCATION"
May 3, 1988
Princeton University



PROGRAM

Master of Ceremony.....*Carlos Merroals, President, ASPIRA Youth Congress*

8:00am Registration.....*Maribel Reyes, Coordinator
Third World Center Liberation Hall
(Coffee & Donuts)*

9:00am.....*Welcoming Remarks
Whole Auditorium McCosh 10*

*Dr. Elias Nasser-Warmack
Chairperson
ASPIRA Inc. of New Jersey*

*Carl Wernsberg
Assistant to the President
Princeton University*

*Angeles Gonzalez
Communications Chairperson
Chicago Council*

*Edgardo Lopez
President
Accion Puntariquina Y Amigos*

9:15am.....*Student Presentations - Ligette Valentin, Coordinator*

*Rebeca Rodriguez
Trenton High School
EDUCATION*

*Gloria Perez
Peru High School
AIDS*

*Maria Torres
Burlingame High School
TEENAGE PREGNANCY*

*Edwin Abreu
Arts High School
STUDENT / PARENT RELATIONS*

*Marcy Perez
Woodrow Wilson High School
DRUG ABUSE*

9:45am.....*Keynote Speaker*

*Assemblyman John Watson
Mercer County*

10:00am.....Overview

10:15am-11:00am.....Panel Discussion 1

EDUCATION - McCosh Hall Room #3
AIDS - McCosh Hall Room #60
TEENAGE PREGNANCY - McCosh Hall Room #62
STUDENT / PARENT RELATIONS - McCosh Hall Room #64
DRUG ABUSE - McCosh Hall Room #4

11:00am-11:45am.....Panel Discussion 2

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TEENAGE PREGNANCY - McCosh Hall Room #62
STUDENT / PARENT RELATIONS - McCosh Hall Room #64
DRUG ABUSE - McCosh Hall Room #4

1:00pm-3:00pm.....Press Conference - Lavender Melander, Coordinator
Third World Center Librarian Hall

José Alar Narco - Trenton High School
Judith Mendez - Escondido High School
Arturo Lopez - Barringer High School
Rebeca Velazquez - Woodrow Wilson High School
Luis Velazquez - Woodrow Wilson High School

3:00pm-2:45pm.....Reception
Third World Center

2:45pm.....Departure

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Princeton University (Co-Sponsor)
Third World Center
Action Puertorriquena Y Amigos
Chicano Caucus
Mr. Carl Wambsgery (Assistant to the President)
Mrs. Myer Whitworth (Associate Dean of Student Affairs)
ALL ASPIRANTES

The ASPRA Youth Congress and ASPRA, Inc., of New Jersey would like to extend special thanks to the Princeton Student Government and Princeton Panel Members for their time and consideration to this Conference.

TOPIC: EDUCATION
Panel Members:

Nancy Bealla
Academic Advisor
E.O.P. Program
Rutgers University

Terrie Albano
Member
Board of Education
Newark, N.J.

MODERATOR - Phila Corbin '87

Jan Querry
Vice-President
C. Horne School
Newark, N.J.

Robert Rosale
Principal
Hillside School
Montclair, N.J.

TOPIC: AIDS
Panel Members:

Neddi Nuccio
Coordinator
Drug Treatment
Gateway Inc.
Rumney City, N.J.

Carmen Lopez
AIDS Education Coordinator
DOH/IDDC
Elizabeth, N.J.

Phyllis Leubman
AIDS Educator
Princeton Parishcare
Princeton, N.J.

Christina Gonzalez
Speaker's Bureau
Hypnotic Productions

TOPIC: TEENAGE PREGNENCY
Panel Members:

Mary Ellen Moss
Coordinator
East County Hospital
Adolescent Program

Hydra-Care
Director
Adolescent Planning
Urban League
Hudson County

Sharon Grabel
Health Educator
Schools Program
Princeton Parishcare
Princeton, N.J.

Pauline Landrum
Executive Director
Princeton Christian Home
Princeton, N.J.

MODERATORS - David Korman '87 & Lyle Arango '87

TOPIC: STUDENT/EMPLOYER RELATIONS
Panel Members:

David Quattrone
Alcoholism Coordinator
La Casa De (Not) Pedro
Newark, N.J.

Dr. David Kahan
Professor
Rumney Hall University

Alvin Jans
President
East County College

Thomas Owens, MD
Director
Counseling Services
DOH/IDDC
Elizabeth, N.J.

MODERATORS - Maude Lammert '87 & Christen Torres '87

TOPIC: DRUG ABUSE
Panel Members:

Francis Rando
Addiction Division
Coordinator
DOH/IDDC
Elizabeth, N.J.

Deen Carlson
Coordinator
DOH/IDDC
Newark, N.J.

J. Richard Selt
Chief, Welfare Officer
Health Office
Hudson County

Linda Island
Executive Director
Counsel House
Princeton, N.J.

MODERATOR - Eric Roopner '87

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR ASPRA INC. OF NEW JERSEY

Awards Night Ceremony
June 10, 1988
Rutgers College
Rutgers University
New Brunswick

Statewide Puerto Rican Parade
July 1988
Newark

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For Immediate Release

ASPIRA'S Third Annual Youth Conference

The ASPIRA Youth Congress will be holding its third annual youth conference at Princeton University on May 3rd, 1988. The purpose of this event is to raise questions and discuss issues affecting Hispanic/Minority students today. The uniqueness of this conference in relation to others is the fact that it has been organized, and will be overseen by ASPIRA students from both the junior and high school levels.

The topics to be discussed that day include the following: AIDS, Teenage Pregnancy, Drug Abuse, Education, and Student/Parent Relations. Students will hold presentations addressing those topics, and guest Panel Members will conduct discussion groups. We are expecting approximately 300 students from areas such as Newark, Camden, Trenton, Paterson, and Jersey City. Our invited Keynote Speaker for the day will be Assemblyman John Watson from Mercer County. In addition we will hold a press conference from 1:00pm to 2:00pm at the Third World Center Liberation Hall, 86 Olden Street, Princeton University. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

ASPIRA INC. OF NEW JERSEY'S
YOUTH CONGRESS

FACING THE FACTS

General:

-The Hispanic population in the United States is increasing at a rate six times faster than that of the nation as a whole; by the year 2000 it is predicted that Hispanics will constitute the largest minority group. (U.S. Bureau of the Census, April 1985)

-The 20 million Hispanics in the United States represent the fifth largest Hispanic population in the world, with more buying power than all 73 million people in Mexico. (U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce)

-Hispanics in the work force receive the lowest wages of any major group in the labor market. With Hispanic women reporting the lowest wages. (U.S. Bureau of the Census, Statistical Abstract of the U.S., 1984)

-Two out of every five Hispanic children lived in poverty in 1980, the highest poverty rate ever recorded for Hispanic children. This represents nearly 40% (2.6 million) of all Hispanic children under age 18. (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 1984)

-In 1981, 10% of the Mexican-American population had no health insurance compared to 3% for white non-Hispanics and 12% for the total U.S. population. In addition, approximately 28% of Black non-Hispanics, Cuban Americans, and Puerto Ricans were uninsured. (Trevis and Moss, 1983)

Education:

-The single most important barrier to success in the labor market for Hispanics is their low level of educational attainment. Only 50.9% of Hispanics complete four or more years of high school compared to 77.3% of the total population. (U.S. Bureau of the Census, August 1987)

-From 1968 to 1984, white enrollment in public schools declined by 19 percent; Black enrollment remained steady; and Hispanic enrollment increased 79 percent. (National Council of La Raza)

-The dropout rate for Hispanics is as much as three times higher than for whites (non-Hispanics) and one and one half times higher than for Blacks. (National Commission for Employment Policy and National Council of La Raza, 1984)

-In 1985, only 8% of Hispanics had completed four years of college or more compared with 20% for non Hispanics.

-More Hispanic youngsters drop out of school than others, and they also drop out earlier than others: 40% of Hispanic dropouts leave high school before the spring semester of their sophomore year. (Hispanic Policy Development Project, 1984)

-College faculties are 93% white, 2.3% Black, 1.2% Hispanic. (Chronicle of Higher Education, Dec. 22, 1986)

AIDS:

-Nationally, Hispanics and Blacks account for 79% percent of all pediatric AIDS cases. (55% percent for Blacks and 24% percent Hispanic)

-Though Hispanics make up about 14 of the U.S. population, they account for 14% of the reported AIDS cases. (Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, 1987)

-as of 1985, New Jersey has the second largest number of children related AIDS cases in the Nation. (New Jersey State Department of Health 1988)

TEENAGE PREGNANCY:

-The United States has the highest adolescent birth rate of any industrialized nation. (The American Public Welfare Association and The National Council of State Women Service Administrators, 1984)

-One half million children are born each year to teenagers in this country. (same as above)

-24% percent of unmarried teenagers keep and raise their children. (same as above)

-Infants born to teenage mothers will cost taxpayers \$6.4 billion by the time they become adults; \$3.4 billion could be saved had the mothers waited until they were 20 to give birth. (House on Education and Labor Committee, 1986)

-Almost one sixth of all U.S. births are to teenage women. (March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation 1985)

-Two out of three pregnant teenagers drops out of school (March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation 1985)

Drug/Violence Issues

-In Detroit, 111 youngsters, aged 14 or under, were shot in the first four months of this year in gang and drug wars, nearly all by other children. (American Enterprise Institute 1987)

-Homicide (murder) is now the leading cause of death for inner city youth. (American Enterprise Institute 1987)